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Tetsuya MINO  
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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Date: August 16, 2006

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated June 1, 2006.

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